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LITTLE PUBLIC NOTICE IN TIJUANA OF "AMERICAN ESCAPE COMMITTEE" THREATS BEYOND HEADLINE STORY APRIL 10 IN "NOTICIAS" THAT ATTACK EXPECTED LA MESA PENITENTIARY, AND BRIEF STORY LA VOZ APRIL 13 ABOUT UNUSUAL SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN PRISONS MEXICO CITY.

ON PENITENTIARY VISIT APRIL 13 CONOFF WAS INFORMED SOME AMERICAN PRISONERS NOW BEING LOCKED IN CELLS AT NIGHT BUT DURING DAY HAVE USUAL FREEDOM OF PRISON. PRISONERS PERMITTED VISITORS AS USUAL. ONE REPORT OF DENIED VISIT RECEIVED BUT VISIT WAS LATER PERMITTED. PENITENTIARY OFFICIALS APPARENTLY OVER-REACTED FIRST NIGHT AFTER THREAT CONFINING ALL AMERICANS TO PUNISHMENT CELL, MOST SECURE PART OF PRISON, BUT THIS CONFINEMENT NOT REPEATED. DEHART

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